

## WONDROUS WAYS OF WHEEL OF FORTUNE

Russian Rear Admiral Reinstate  
and With Fighting Forces  
at Reichenbach.

### WORKED AS A SHIP RIGGER

Baron de Richter Was Stranded In  
United States When Reds  
Seized Government.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 19.—  
The United States Shipping Board has  
engaged a Russian ship rigger and the  
kitchen equipment which once has  
gained an experienced rear admiral  
of Russia, during his service against

the Bolsheviks.

Now he is just reaching the Can-

cer office of the New York Ship-

building company that Baron Othen

de Richter recently carried on

his passage as a ship rigger at 74

years old, has sold his gun

and the sword of Admiral Kitchener

and is now a passive service against

the Reds.

When his mother, after a personal

experience, had reflected the varied

fortunes of the unhappy country in

the process, found himself stranded

in the United States with un-

friendly revolutionaries in control

of his government and his personal

estate and resources. He did exactly

what any lost man would

do under the same circumstances.

The Baron "Wanted" advertisement of the newspapers revealed no

present whereabouts in the great ad-

miral's life, but they did call for ship

riggers—men who know the practical

use of a ship and how to outfit

it for sea.

He was a high and he found

shores the Camden yards of the

New York shipbuilding company

through an old friend, worked at it

soldly with a willingness and

skill that won him a regular berth,

and lived on the wages he earned.

Another spin of the wheel of fortune established the counter-revolutionary government of Admiral Kitchener in Russia, and de Richter received a call to cast his lot with their forces. That was at the end of April and de Richter started at once for Vladivostok. He traveled through British Columbia and Japan in safety and without delay, but the latter part of his journey was accomplished with great difficulty and at high personal risk. At last, however, he gained Vladivostok a hundred miles and was at once reinstated as one of the highest officers of the naval command.

De Richter's future is in the lap of the gods, tied up with the fortunes of the Cossack government, but no matter what befalls him, he has lived in ease and wealth in command and power, in victory and defeat, as a man with all a country and its people behind him. As a worker, earning his daily bread by honest and patriotic toil. And his wife, who shared the high honors of her husband at the Russian capital, was his companion and helpmate during his days of toil as a ship rigger in this country.

The de Richters held high rank and possessed great wealth in Russia and the Russian government, and with the traditions of some noble families whose sons gave service to the army or navy, Othen de Richter, at the age of 17, entered the naval academy at Peterhof.

After his graduation he served with the Baltic Fleet, and in 1899, on orders from the Russian admiral, he came to the United States as ordnance officer in connection with the construction of the battleship "Retiven" and the cruiser "Varian" for the Russian government in the ship yards at Philadelphia. De Richter, a senior Lieutenant at the time, checked up on armament on the "Varian" with Andrew Calberg, then assistant captain of the "Cram" and they sailed together on her trip to Europe.

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## Andrew and Imogene

"A NDREW" said Imogene, "I want you to stop kissing and skyarking with Bernice when she comes over here. I don't like to see it."

"Why listen to that, will you?" said Andrew, throwing up his hands.

"The woman is paying me the compliment of being jealous of me," said Andrew, "but jealous of a 15 year old girl just in high school and smelling of bread and butter? A kid that has hardly laid aside her dolls and she looks on me as a sort of father!"

"Andrew," said Imogene sternly, "I don't want you to assume me of anything, or say me jealous. So far as Bernice being a baby is concerned I fail to see any fault in a young woman with powder on her nose. But it's not jealousy, but it's sarcasm, and just now we're not near each other, so I'll let it go. I watch you two skyarking together and see you kiss her in the face and it hurts—hurts because it hurts to see my husband grow old. I hate to see you reaching the age of senility."

"What on earth are you talking about?" asked Andrew, puzzled.

"I am saying exactly what I mean," said Imogene. "The average woman believes with Bernice that the proper study of womanhood is man. I have studied the symptoms of you, get this, Andrew, for a doctor does those of a fever patient, and there is no better way to determine the age of a man's mind than to watch the woman he admires."

In childhood, of course, he is crazy over grandmas and grandpas. They

are the two people on earth who take precedence over all others, but when he has passed out of childhood's stage and is just holding me—manhood begins to take an interest in his culture and taste, for he wants his taste head over ears in love with some woman old enough to be his mother and takes out behind the window and thinks of someone in privacy whom she

adores him, and he becomes a college boy, he only

knows the girl he likes, and pretends to support her and her children or else he grows desirably exhausted of some maiden lady with spectacles.

The next stage is the normal one where he is in love with the perfectly proper person, a girl of about his own age. When he is in this stage, from about 22 to 28, the most of the catastrophes of life are made.

"After he passes 40 he begins to lower his tone and begins to take notice of what you call 'chicks.' These little duck-faced bairns are who weigh about 100 pounds and dress about one year ahead of the system."

The next stage is the first indication of senility, where he begins to be interested only in schoolgirls and thinks their sweet and unapproachable the only thing which is interesting in womanhood. It is this that pains me about your interest in Bernice. It shows the first touches of decay in your mortal apparatus. It is the first indication to me that you are growing old in mind and that—"

"Just a minute," interrupted Andrew. "All you say may be true. We are attracted by our opposites. When we are young we know old folks when we begin to grow old we begin to love youth in all its forms and if you—"

"She grabbed up the thread of his remarks with, "Yes! That's what was attractive to you in me. You were so different. I am a quiet and peace-loving woman and you chatter like a magpie and are always trying to make trouble in the family."

She placidly smoothed her gown, while Andrew again appealed to Heaven with:

"Can you beat it?"

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islands and extending even to the shore waters of Norway, almost within the Arctic circle.

In the summer of 1917 Prince Vloff sent de Richter to the United States on a special mission, and while he was still engaged upon the work that brought him to this country, the Reds, under the leadership of Lenin and Trotsky, seized the reins of government at Petrograd, and de Richter found himself for the time being a man without a country.

Not only was he a man without a country, but a man without a job, and without money or resources. The members of the Reds had stripped him. When he found that ship singers were needed at the yards he thought of his old friend Calberg and sought him in the position of yard Captain at the Camden yards of the New York Shipbuilding Company, and Calberg put him to work.

De Richter and his wife made their home at No. 4521 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, and early every morning dressed in his uniform, his cap and distinguishing only by his erect carriage, his square shoulders and white hair, he caught the crowded ferry at Camden to go to his work and earn his \$15 a week.

His fellow workmen knew him only as a rigger of exceptional skill speaking a broad experience at sea, and who carried his 49 years as lightly as though they were only half as many.

Occasionally de Richter and his wife would make a trip to Washington to meet Prince Vloff and Baron Bakmeteff, who, although cut off from communications, still maintained the structure of the Russian embassy and through them received such news as they were able to obtain of affairs at home, and finally made up to join the forces of Kolchak to drive the rebels of a ship rigger for the uniform of a rear admiral in the Russian navy.

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## TULSA DAILY WORLD.

### MUST OBSERVE THE FIRE REGULATIONS

Joe Del Bascaro, City Fire Marshal,  
Says Violations Will Be Punished.

"More attention will have to be paid to fire restriction in this city in future, or serious damage to public property is going to result," said Joe Del Bascaro, fire marshal, last night.

In hundreds of buildings in the congested business district, rentors persist in sweeping debris, broken boxes and piles of excelsior into the basements, or jars outside the back doors intending to have the rubbish removed the next day, but sometimes leaving it there until the next day, when it is to be taken away.

This afternoon Oklahoma City Fire Department, in cooperation with the Tulsa Fire Department, is calling on the business men of Tulsa to keep away from the Pike Peak region.

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